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RE: Ivanof Bay Transportation Needs

Alfred Kalmakoff, President
Ivanof Bay Village Council
P.O. Box KIB
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Dear Mr. Kalmakoff:

Thank you for your September 14, 1999, memorandum concerning transportation needs in your community. You may have already received a letter acknowledging that we received your correspondence, but at this time I would like to provide you a more definitive response keyed to the specific needs you have identified.

With respect to your community's aviation needs, it is understood that you would like to see improvements be made to the Stepovac Airstrip as well as construction of the 8 mile road to that facility. We agree with you that aviation improvements are needed in your community. It is unknown at this time, however, whether there are alternatives to reconstruction of the Stepovac Airstrip. An airport master plan is scheduled to commence for your community in FFY '01. It will require approximately 2 years to be completed. It will include public involvement procedures to ensure that all feasible aviation improvement alternatives are identified and evaluated. The final product will be the identification of a preferred alternative that meets your community needs, and the safety requirements of Federal Aviation Administration, in as cost efficient a **manner** as possible. The reconstruction of Stepovac Airstrip will certainly be one of the alternatives evaluated. It is not assured, however, that it will be the preferred alternative identified at the end of the process.

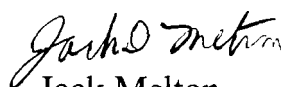
With respect to the need for a new dock/landing site for your community, this need has been identified in our Department's Transportation Needs and Priorities in Alaska document. It is an unfortunate reality that valid needs within our State far exceed the available funds to address these needs. It is not anticipated that this project will be

scheduled for construction in the foreseeable future.

With respect to the sludge disposal site access road in your community, thank you for notifying us that it has been completed and can be deleted from the Needs List.

It is our shared goal that the transportation system for your community and Southwest Alaska be convenient, efficient, reliable, safe and affordable. If you have any questions concerning the transportation needs in your community, please call me at (907) 269-0509.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jack Melton".

Jack Melton
Area Planner

cc: Walt Wrede, Borough Manager, Lake and Peninsula Borough
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